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Petition for Extension of Time under 35 USC 1.136(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit their petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(b) for one month to respond to the Examiner's answer mailed on April 15, 2009. Accordingly, a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the extension for response within the first month as required by 37 CFR 1.17 is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

The applicants herewith request this extension for one month in order to permit a proper reply brief to be prepared and filed in response to said Examiner's answer. Applicants' attorney sent the Examiner's answer to the applicants on April 22, 2009 but this correspondence was inadvertently not timely docketed by the applicants' assignee. Also, the German patent attorney, Dr. Nikolai Gauss, who was responsible for this application has left the employment of the assignee and is now in private practice in Stuttgart. The assignee will now send the Examiner's answer and the other materials of this application to Dr. Gauss for his review and comment so that an

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appropriate reply brief can be filed in response to the Examiner's answer.

For the reasons set forth above, a one month extension of time is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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